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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINR, EC, CZ  
SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR

REF: QUITO 1192

1. ECUADOREAN EMBASSY HERE, WHICH RECENTLY PROCESSED AGREEMENT FOR LUBOMIR HRDLICKA, IS UNFAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HIM. AMBASSADOR DONOSO SAYS HRDLICKA IS SO STEEPED IN MARXISM-LENINISM THAT HE "WILL NOT CONSIDER THE FACTS," AND IS "HARD AS NAILS." NEITHER DONOSO NOR HIS YOUNGER ECUADOREAN COLLEAGUE THINKS HRDLICKA WILL MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON ECUADOREANS, PARTICULARLY BY COMPARISON WITH HIS PREDECESSOR, BEDRICH PISTORA, WHO, THEY SAY, BROUGHT RELATIONS TO A NEW HIGH POINT.

2. HRDLICKA, WHO SPEAKS FLUENT SPANISH, PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN HAVANA AS A COUNSELOR, BUT WAS DISLIKED BY BOTH CZECHS AND CUBANS, ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE IS AT PRESENT IN PRAGUE ON ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, WHOSE HEART ATTACK FEBRUARY 19 IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY HER OBESITY AND QUITO'S HIGH ALTITUDE.

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3. THE ECUADOREANS HERE ARE WORRIED THAT HRDLICKA, GIVEN HIS STRONG IDEOLOGICAL CONVICTIONS, WILL MEDDLE IN ECUADOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNSTABLE CONDITIONS THEY EXPECT DURING THIS SUMMER'S PLANNED TRANSFER OF POWER FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN RULE. THEY HOPE THAT HRDLICKA WILL NOT TOTALLY UNDO THE BUILDING UP OF RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN TRADE MATTERS,

ACCOMPLISHED BY PISTORA.

4. EMBASSY PRAGUE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR ANY  
REPORTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK ACTIVITIES IN ECUADOR WHICH  
MAY COME TO THE ATTENTION OF EMBASSY QUITO.

"DECONTROLLED AFTER 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE".

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